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SUBJ: ZAMBIA MEDIA REACTION:

THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, TODAY LISTS AN EIGHT-POINT PROGRAM REPORTEDLY PRESENTED BY ZAMBIA'S PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA TO THE CURRENT COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT IN LONDON, THURSDAY, AIMED AT DEFUSING THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE PAPER, IN A LEAD STORY HEADLINED: "K.K. CALLS FOR SOUTH AFRICA ISOLATION," REPORTS DR. KAUNDA'S CALL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DO THE FOLLOWING:-

1. AFFIRM COMMITMENT TO IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE IN ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA);

2. DECLARE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE MINORITY REBEL REGIME
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AS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND WORK FOR ITS ERADICATION;

3. PROVIDE AND INCREASE MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS;

4. CONDEMN THE "WANTON ACTS OF AGGRESSION" AGAINST INDEPENDENT

AFRICAN STATES BY THE SMITH GOVERNMENT. TO THIS END, THE COMMONWEALTH MUST GIVE MATERIAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY TO FRONTLINE COUNTRIES;

5. CONDEMN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR "STANDING BETWEEN THE ZIMBABWE MASSES AND THEIR FREEDOM" UNDER MAJORITY RULE, AND WHICH IS THE "MILITARY AND ECONOMIC POWER BEHIND SMITH";

6. CONDEMN ALL FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES WHO BY ENGAGING IN ILLEGALLY SUPPLYING OIL TO THE SMITH GOVERNMENT, ARE SUSTAINING RHODESIA'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND MILITARY POWER.

7. PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES FOR THE DEATHS "OF THOUSANDS" OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF HOPES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-RACIAL SOCIETY IN ZIMBABWE AND;

8. TIGHTEN SANCTIONS WHICH MUST INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BANKS AND INSURANCE.

THE MAIL REPORT SAYS DR. KAUNDA ALSO CALLED FOR THE COMPLETE ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HE SAID WAS THE "ARCHITECT OF DOOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

FURTHER, REPORTS THE PAPER, THE ZAMBIAN LEADER CALLED FOR WHAT HE TERMED "AN END OF BRITISH AND WESTERN CONNIVANCE" IN PROPPING UP THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

IN "A BITTER ATTACK" ON BACKERS OF MR. SMITH, THE DAILY MAIL UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTS DR. KAUNDA AS STATING THAT THE RHODESIAN LEADER BY HIMSELF HAS NO POWER IN RHODESIA AND THAT THE SIX MILLION BLACKS OPPOSE HIM, AND THE MAJORITY OF WHITES ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE.

THE SOURCE OF MR. SMITH'S POWER, ACCORDING TO DR. KAUNDA, IS TO BE FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WESTERN MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING OIL COMPANIES.

HE SAID ANY SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN CRISIS INVOLVED EUROPEAN DECISIONS, AND CALLED ON THE SUMMIT TO BE UNITED IN DECLARATIONS AGAINST MR. SMITH.

"BUT WE ARE NOT UNITED IN ACTION BECAUSE IF WE WERE, SMITH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ON THE AGENDA," THE MAIL QUOTES HIM AS SAYING.

HE SAID WITH ALL THIS DISUNITY IN ACTION, NOT MUCH HOPE SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CURRENT ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVES.

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DR. KAUNDA CHARGED THAT MR. SMITH IS NOT SINCERE IN NEGOTIATING,
HAS NO INTENTION OF HANDING OVER POWER TO THE MAJORITY, AND IS
OSTENSIBLY CO-OPERATING IN THE EXERCISE ONLY TO BUY TIME.

OTHERWISE, SAID THE ZAMBIAN LEADER, MR. SMITH COULD NOT BE
ATTACKING INDEPENDENT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHO HE SAID HELD THE
KEY TO THE SOLUTION, IF HE WERE GENUINE.

"THESE ACTS OF AGGRESSION MUST STOP. LET SMITH KNOW AND LET
BRITAIN THE ADMINISTERING POWER THROUGH WHOM HE SENT HIS WAR
THREAT AGAINST ZAMBIA ALSO KNOW THAT THE SO-CALLED HOT PURSUIT IS
A POLICY OF NAKED AGGRESSION."

THE DAILY MAIL REPORT FURTHER QUOTES PRESIDENT KAUNDA AS POINTING
OUT TO THE CONFERENCE THAT EFFORTS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AND
THE FRONTLINE STATES AND THE OAU HAVE FAILED.

"THE ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORTS WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AND THE OAU HAVE FAILED. EACH EFFORT HAS FAILED BECAUSE
IAN SMITH, SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND SOME WESTERN GOVERNMENTS,
SABOTAGED PEACE TO ENTRENCH RACISM," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT WAR IS BEING FORCED UPON THE NEIGHBORING STATES, WHO
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFEND THEIR TERRITORIES.

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"NO TRAGEDY OF OPPRESSION IN HUMAN HISTORY WAS EVER ENDED BY A

COSMETIC FORMULA. THE SOLUTION LIES IN THE COMPLETE REMOVAL, ROOT AND BRANCH, OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF THIS CONFLICT," THE MAIL QUOTES HIM AS SAYING.

THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL ALSO REPORTS TODAY THAT RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER, SMITH SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT IS DEDICATED TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA - BUT THAT IT MUST BE "RESPONSIBLE MAJORITY RULE OR ELSE THE COUNTRY WILL CARRY ON AS IT IS NOW."

THE PAPER SAYS MR. SMITH TOLD A MEETING OF INDUSTRIALISTS AT VICTORIAL FALLS THAT THERE "MUST BE A RESPONSIBLE SETTLEMENT AND RESPONSIBLE MAJORITY RULE, NOT MOB RULE."

HE ADDED THAT THERE CAN BE NO APPEASEMENT OR ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT HE TERMED IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS, ADDING THAT IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED THAT RHODESIA IS "A PUSHOVER AND HAD NO ALTERNATIVE, THEY HAD SERIOUSLY MISJUDGED THE SITUATION."

THE PAPER REPORTS THAT RHODESIA IS IN ITS FIFTH YEAR AGAINST FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGHTING FOR THE TRANSFER OF OUTRIGHT POWER TO THE COUNTRY'S SIX MILLION BLACKS, WHO OUTNUMBER WHITES BY MORE THAN 20 TO ONE.

IT ADDS THAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE NOW TRYING TO CHART A PATH TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BY BRINGING WHITES AND BLACKS TOGETHER FOR A TRANSITION UNDER MAJORITY RULE BY NEXT YEAR.

BOTH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND THE MAIL LEAD THEIR FOREIGN PAGES WITH REPORTS OF THE ABC TELEVISION INTERVIEW OF CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO BY BARBARA WALTERS IN WHICH THE CUBAN LEADER SAYS BETWEEN 2,000 AND 3,000 PLITICAL PRISONERS WERE IN HIS PRISONS NOW.

THE MAIL ALSO REPORTS ON THE NATO DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING IN OTTAWA, AND ON THE APPEARANCE OF FORMER RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER GARFIELD TODD BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AT WHICH MR. TODD UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID THE BRITISH-U.S. DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA BY 1978 IS LIKELY TO FAIL.

IN OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO PUBLICIZES THE NOW-SOLVED RIDDLE OF UGANDA'S MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER, PRESIDENT IDI AMIN WHO SURFACED OURSDAY IN KAMPALA AND REPORTS THE UGANDAN REGIMEJCS HOLDING OF A BRITISH NATIONAL ON THE FAMILIAR CHARGE OF "SPYING".

ACCORDING TO REPORTS, A RADIO UGANDA REPORT MONITORED IN LONDON SAID WITHOUT ELABORATION, THAT AMIN WAS NOW "SAFELY BACK HOME"

AFTER HAVING HAD "SUCCESSFUL TALKS" WITH "TOP OFFICIERS" FROM
TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA ON UGANDA'S COMMON BORDERS WITH TANZANIA AND
RWANDA.

THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT OR RESPONSE FROM THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT
ON THESE REMARKS.

BUT IN LONDON WHERE HE IS ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT,
ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS DESCRIBED THE UGANDAN DICTATOR
AS BEING "AS BAD AS HITLER" IN AN ADDRESS TO A PRESS LUNCHEON.
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